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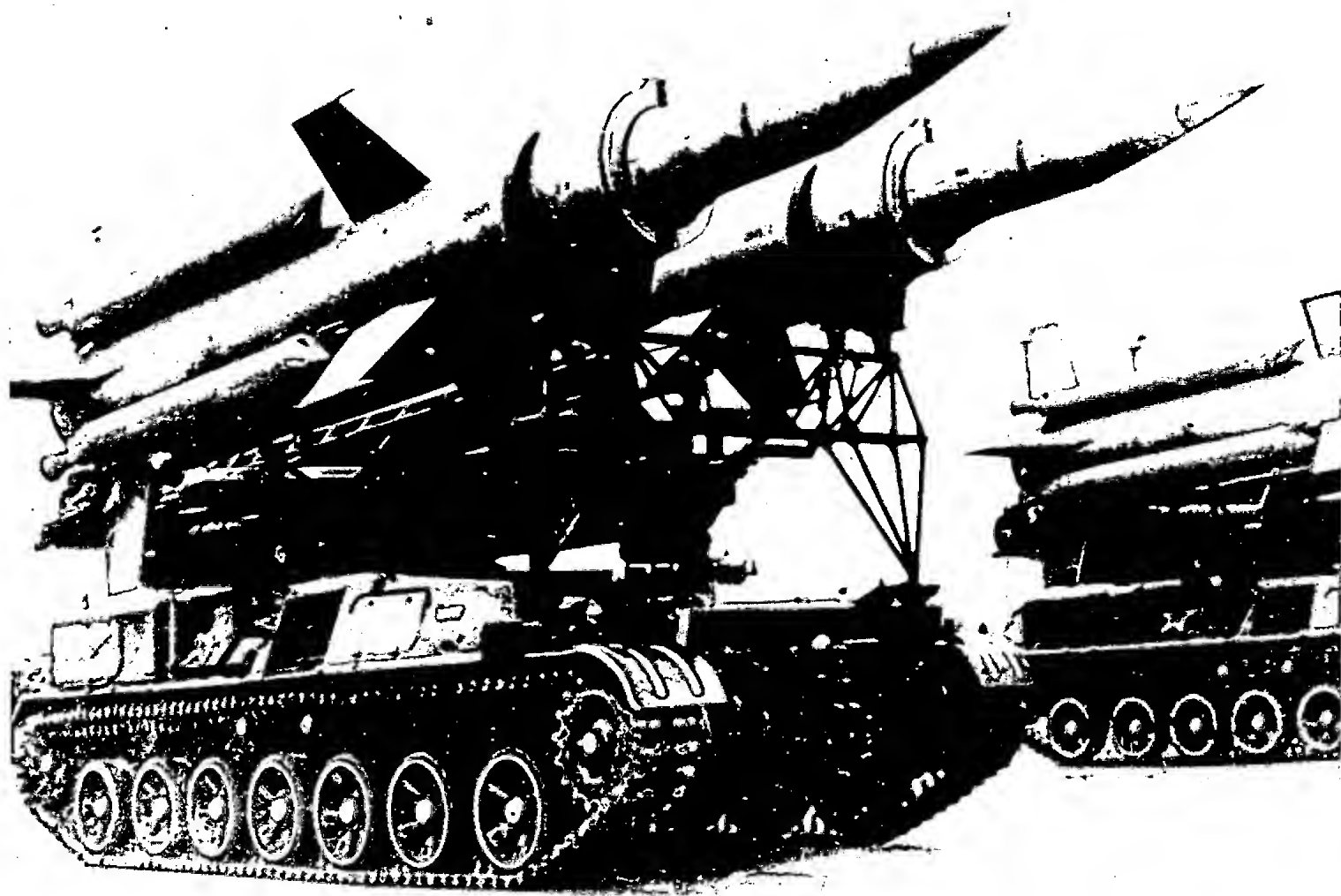


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1. Vietnam

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2. North Vietnam

There is a chance that the Soviets have introduced a new surface-to-air missile system into North Vietnam.

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(see photo). The Ganef, first displayed back in 1964, probably has a range of 25-30 miles and an altitude capability of some 70,000 feet.

If the Ganef is in North Vietnam, it would mark the first known deployment of this carrier-based missile.

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3. Communist China

Mao Tse-tung has now been out of public view for nearly twelve weeks, his longest absence in six years. He disappeared for 15 weeks in 1956-57 and 12 weeks in 1960, times when he is suspected of having suffered minor strokes.

Mao could again be seriously ill. The current outpouring of emotional and idolatrous propaganda about the 72-year-old leader--the most extravagant ever--could reflect concern in the party's top ranks over Mao's condition.

4. Soviet Union

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5. India

Dissension within the Congress Party over the government's emergency food distribution policies sparked a major uproar during the party's annual convention last weekend. Delegates from food deficit states charge that government policies favor the food surplus states.

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6. Belgium

The choice today of Socialist leader Achille van Acker to sound out the parties on a new cabinet is only the first step in what is likely to be a very long effort to solve the government crisis. The chances are still about even that new elections may ultimately be necessary.

7. Dominican Republic

The general strike spread today to Santiago and other cities in the interior. Now in its fifth day, it continues to breed violence. Another Dominican was killed in the capital last night, and an American sergeant was among the several wounded.

Of the various leftist groups vying for control of the strike, the one controlled by the Bosch forces seems to be calling most of the shots. It is still unclear whether Bosch sees this as a good political cause to help him win next June's elections or whether, convinced he will lose, he is out to sabotage them.

Garcia Godoy has not yet come out publicly against the strike. In fact, it is becoming clear that he is in sympathy with its objectives--forcing out the remaining officers he had ordered out on 6 January. If it is the strike that forces these officers to leave, the president could claim he did not violate his recent commitment to Rivera Caminero.

8. Guatemala

There has been a new upsurge in terrorist activity, [redacted]

[redacted] This may be attributable to the recent return of extremist leader Luis Turcios from Cuba. During the "Tri-Continent Conference" there last month, Turcios called for world-wide attacks on US personnel and establishments.

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This terrorism does not directly diminish the government's staying power. It may well, however, provide the pretext to call off next month's elections for which many government officials are searching.

9. Chile

The government is mulling over a sizable Soviet credit offer. The eight-year, \$55-million loan would apparently be for the purchase of machine tools which the Chileans have been seeking on the world market for some time. Soviet prices have been considerably lower than those of US and British manufacturers.

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